

**DECLARATION FILED WITH U.S. DESIGNATED
OFFICE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled LENS DRIVE APPARATUS, described and claimed in international application number PCT/JP03/13369, filed October 20, 2003, which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent and for which said US application was filed in the US/RO on April 18, 2005.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(a)-(d) or Sec. 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or Sec. 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

			Priority Claimed
✓ 2002-306420	Japan	October 21, 2002	Yes
✓ <u>2003-46010</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>February 24, 2003</u>	Yes
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	

U.S. Patent Application

LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 1 of 7

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(e) of any United States provisional application listed below: None

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 or §365 (c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

✓ PCT/JP03/13369 October 20, 2003 pending
(Applic. Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

1-00 Full name of first co-inventor: Kazuyuki Watanabe

Inventor's signature

K. Watanabe

May 7, 2005
(Date)

Residence: Japan

Citizenship: Japanese

Post Office address: c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
~~Tokyo~~ 105-0004
Japan JPX

U.S. Patent Application

LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 2 of 7

2-00 Full name of second co-inventor: Haruhiro Komura

Inventor's signature H. Komura

May 7, 2005
(Date)

Residence: Japan

Citizenship: Japanese

Post Office address: c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004 JPX
Japan

U.S. Patent Application

LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 3 of 7

3-0 Full name of third co-inventor: Shinya Yamauchi

Inventor's signature Shinya Yamauchi

May 7, 2005
(Date)

Residence: Japan

Citizenship: Japanese

Post Office address: c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004 JPX
Japan

U.S. Patent Application

LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 4 of 7

4-00 Full name of fourth co-inventor: Tetsutaka Yamamoto

Inventor's signature T. Yamamoto

May 7, 2005
(Date)

Residence: Japan

Citizenship: Japanese

Post Office address: c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004 JPX
Japan

U.S. Patent Application

LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 5 of 7

5-00 Full name of fifth co-inventor: Nobuyuki Sueyoshi

Inventor's signature N. Sueyoshi

May. 7 '05
(Date)

Residence: Japan

Citizenship: Japanese

Post Office address: c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004 JPX
Japan

U.S. Patent Application

LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 6 of 7

6-00 Full name of sixth co-inventor: Masatoshi Kazimoto

Inventor's signature M. Kazimoto

May 7, '05
(Date)

Residence: Japan

Citizenship: Japanese

Post Office address: c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004 JPX
Japan

U.S. Patent Application

LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 7 of 7

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Serial No.

Filed: April 18, 2005

For: LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST
AND REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS

I, Toshiharu Sugimoto, Representative Director and President, of **FDK CORPORATION**, a Japanese corporation, having a place of business at 36-11, Shinbashi 5-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0004, Japan, assignee of the entire right, title and interest of the above-described U.S. patent application, by the assignment submitted under separate cover for recordal (copy enclosed), represent that I am empowered to sign on behalf of assignee.

As assignee of the above identified application, all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and the attorneys or agents associated with **Customer No. 20575** are hereby appointed to represent the undersigned before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with any and all patent applications assigned only

to the undersigned according to USPTO assignment records or assignment documents attached to this form in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Direct all telephone calls to Alexander C. Johnson, Jr. at (503) 222-3613 and send all correspondence to the following address associated with **Customer No. 20575:**

Marger Johnson & McCollom, P.C.
1030 S.W. Morrison Street
Portland, Oregon 97205

FDK CORPORATION,
a Japanese corporation

Date: May 24, 2005.

By 
Toshiharu Sugimoto
Representative Director and President

ASSIGNMENT

Assignor:

Kazuyuki Watanabe

c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004
Japan

Haruhiro Komura

c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004
Japan

Shinya Yamauchi

c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004
Japan

Tetsutaka Yamamoto

c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004
Japan

Nobuyuki Sueyoshi

c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004
Japan

Masatoshi Kazimoto

c/o FDK Corporation
36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004
Japan

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

Assignee: **FDK Corporation,**
a Japanese corporation

36-11
Shinbashi 5-chome
Minato-ku
Tokyo 105-0004
Japan

Title of
Invention: **LENS DRIVE APPARATUS**

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

U.S. Patent Application:

Application Serial No.:


Filing Date: April 18, 2005

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the above-named Assignor hereby sells, assigns and transfers to Assignee, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the above-identified invention, patent application and patent rights throughout the world, including foreign patent priority rights; said invention, application and letters patent in this or any foreign country, and all divisions, continuations, reissues, non-provisionals and extensions thereof, to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, for its own use and benefit, and for its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which letters patent may be granted in this or any foreign country, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made, and covenant that Assignor has full right so to do, and agree that Assignor will communicate to Assignee, or its successors and assigns, any facts known to Assignor respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, non-provisional and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors and assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in this or any foreign country.

In the event that the patent application filing date or serial number is not known at the time this document is executed, Assignor hereby grants permission to the attorneys of record in the patent application to fill in the filing date and/or serial number above, and to record this assignment after such information is added.

Executed at Tokyo, Japan, this 7 day of May, 2005.

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD



Kazuyuki Watanabe
Assignor

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

Assignment of U.S. Patent Application
LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 2 of 7

Executed at Tokyo, Japan, this 7 day of May, 2005.

H. Komura
Haruhiro Komura
Assignor

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

Assignment of U.S. Patent Application
LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 3 of 7

Executed at Tokyo, Japan, this 7 day of May, 2005.

Shinya Yamauchi

Shinya Yamauchi
Assignor

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

Assignment of U.S. Patent Application
LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 4 of 7

Executed at Tokyo, Japan, this 7 day of May, 2005.

Tetsutaka Yamamoto
Tetsutaka Yamamoto
Assignor

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

Assignment of U.S. Patent Application
LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 5 of 7

Executed at Tokyo, Japan, this 7 day of may, 2005.

N. Sueyoshi
Nobuyuki Sueyoshi
Assignor

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

Assignment of U.S. Patent Application
LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 6 of 7

Executed at Tokyo, Japan, this 7 day of May, 2005.

M. Kazimoto

Masatoshi Kazimoto
Assignor

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

COPY OF ORIGINAL
ASSIGNMENT
DO NOT RECORD

Assignment of U.S. Patent Application
LENS DRIVE APPARATUS

Inventors: Kazuyuki Watanabe; Haruhiro Komura; Shinya Yamauchi;
Tetsutaka Yamamoto; Nobuyuki Sueyoshi; Masatoshi Kazimoto

Filed: April 18, 2005

Assignee: FDK Corporation

Page 7 of 7